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In re application: Knowlton et al.
Application No: 09/010,822
Filed: January 22, 1998

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER
37 C.F.R. 1.181 TO EXPUNGE
REMARKS MADE BY THE
EXAMINER

Title: LOW TEMPERATURE AUTOIGNITION COMPOSITION

Applicant, in a letter received February 25, 2003 requests the expungement of disparaging and offensive remarks from the Office action mailed November 21, 2002. This decision will only address the applicant's concern with respect to Rule 1.3 and will not comment on the issues regarding the sufficiency of the art or the declaration, as those issues are subject to appeal, rather than petition.

The request is GRANTED-IN-PART.

Attached is an expunged copy of the Office action mailed on November 21, 2002. All the subject matter indicated by the applicant as disparaging has been expunged with the exception of the subject matter at the last 5 lines of page 4 of the Office action. This information has not been expunged as it has been determined that this is material to the examiners position regarding the alleged insufficiency of the declaration and is not deemed as a personal attack on the applicant.

The original copy of the Office action mailed November 21, 2002 has been replaced with the expunged copy. In that the applicant made a substantive response to the Office action in a response received on February 25, 2003, the Office action will not be remailed and the period for response will not be reset.


The original petition filed February 25, 2003 has been replaced with the petition filed July 1, 2003. The petition filed July 1, 2003 is identical to the original petition filed February 25, 2003 except for removal of the quoted disparaging remarks.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the amendment filed on February 25, 2003.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Supervisory Patent Examiner, Michael J. Carone at 703 306-4198.



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